

# Dairy Products Prices

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## Dairy Products Prices Highlights

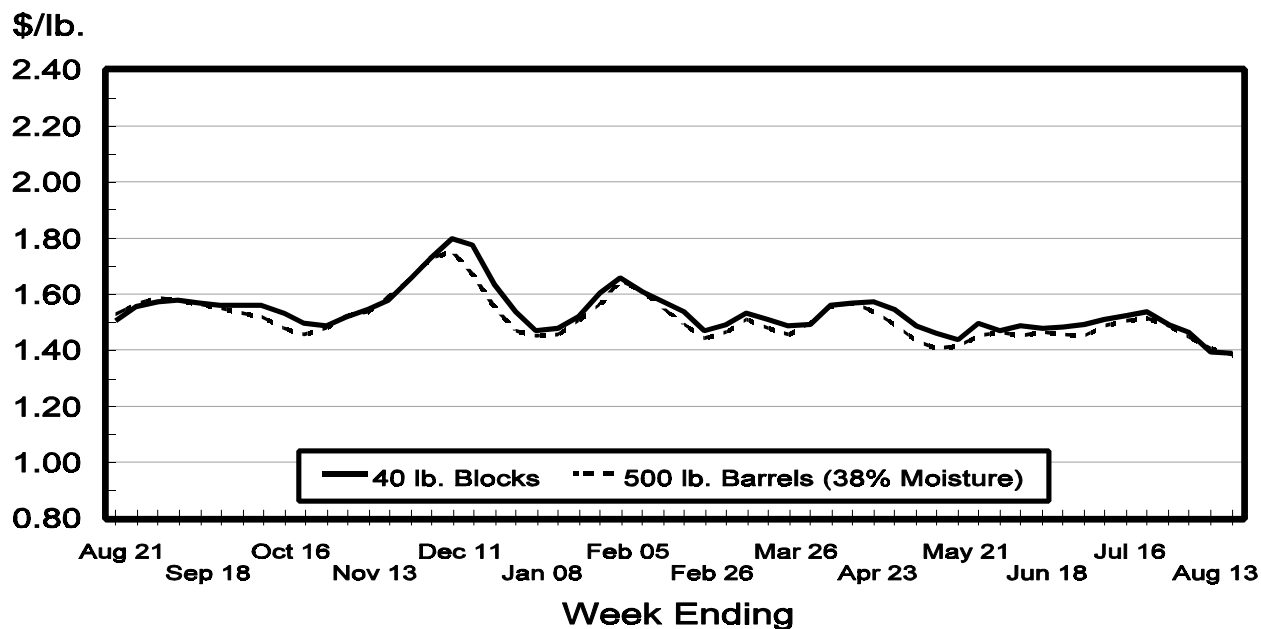
**Cheddar Cheese** prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.39 per pound for the week ending August 20. The price per pound decreased 0.4 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.38 per pound, down 2.5 cents from the previous week.

**Butter** prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.65 per pound for the week ending August 20. The U.S. price per pound increased 1.9 cents from the previous week.

**Nonfat Dry Milk** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 96.1 cents per pound for the week ending August 20. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.4 cents from the previous week.

**Dry Whey** prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 28.9 cents per pound for the week ending August 20. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.6 cents from the previous week.

## Cheddar Cheese Prices, U.S. 40 lb. Blocks vs. 500 lb. Barrels



### Cheddar Cheese Prices by Style and Region

Style and Region	Week Ending				
	Aug 20, 2005	Aug 13, 2005 <sup>1</sup>	Aug 6, 2005	Jul 30, 2005	Jul 23, 2005
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
40 Lb. Blocks					
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup>					
MN/WI	1.4294	1.4364	1.5182	1.5328	1.5754
Oth Sts	1.3841	1.3876	1.4597	1.4887	1.5302
US	1.3881	1.3918	1.4656	1.4938	1.5357
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>3</sup>					
MN/WI	667,468	782,275	1,020,253	901,779	1,037,372
Oth Sts	6,909,535	8,301,466	9,070,325	6,830,859	7,573,006
US	7,577,003	9,083,741	10,090,578	7,732,638	8,610,378
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
500 Lb. Barrels					
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup>					
MN/WI	1.4381	1.4519	1.5109	1.5285	1.5851
Oth Sts	1.4734	1.5065	1.5354	1.5854	1.5964
US	1.4617	1.4851	1.5260	1.5635	1.5920
Price Adj. to 38% Moisture					
MN/WI	1.3898	1.3982	1.4523	1.4694	1.5265
Oth Sts	1.3804	1.4144	1.4456	1.4984	1.5073
US	1.3835	1.4081	1.4482	1.4874	1.5146
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>3</sup>					
MN/WI	3,631,786	3,187,719	3,864,997	3,822,471	3,877,042
Oth Sts	7,325,507	4,930,721	6,145,346	6,116,394	6,169,599
US	10,957,293	8,118,440	10,010,343	9,938,865	10,046,641
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Moisture Content					
MN/WI	35.85	35.62	35.50	35.51	35.62
Oth Sts	33.82	33.96	34.15	34.40	34.33
US	34.49	34.61	34.67	34.83	34.83

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Prices weighted by volumes reported.

<sup>3</sup> Sales as reported by participating manufacturers.

### Butter Prices

Region	Week Ending				
	Aug 20, 2005	Aug 13, 2005	Aug 6, 2005	Jul 30, 2005	Jul 23, 2005
	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup>					
US	1.6492	1.6306	1.5911	1.5852	1.6134
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>3</sup>					
US	3,037,523	1,918,579	3,815,988	2,014,390	2,791,772

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Prices weighted by volumes reported.

<sup>3</sup> Sales as reported by participating manufacturers.

### Nonfat Dry Milk Prices

Region	Week Ending				
	Aug 20, 2005	Aug 13, 2005	Aug 6, 2005	Jul 30, 2005	Jul 23, 2005
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup> US	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9611	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9652	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9530	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9522	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.9439
Sales Volume <sup>3</sup> US	<i>Pounds</i> 16,202,613	<i>Pounds</i> 12,399,767	<i>Pounds</i> 11,367,973	<i>Pounds</i> 16,425,465	<i>Pounds</i> 15,979,973

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### Dry Whey Prices

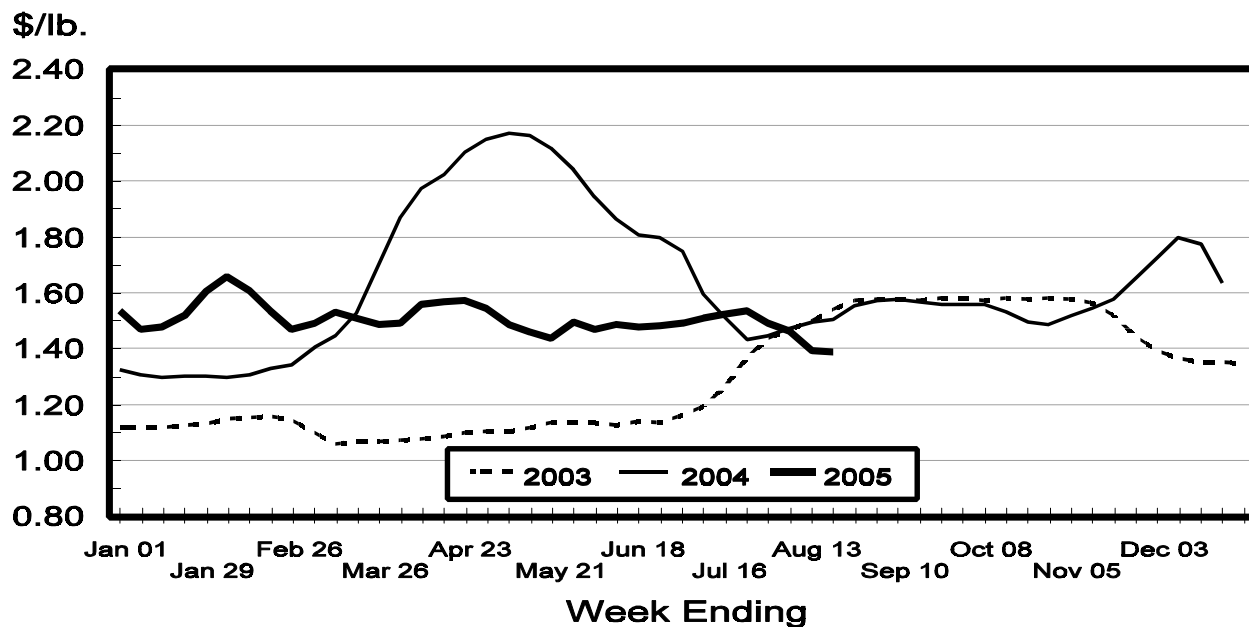
Region	Week Ending				
	Aug 20, 2005	Aug 13, 2005	Aug 6, 2005	Jul 30, 2005	Jul 23, 2005
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup> US	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2894	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2835	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2852	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2842	<i>Dol./Lb.</i> 0.2815
Sales Volume <sup>3</sup> US	<i>Pounds</i> 9,989,118	<i>Pounds</i> 11,014,903	<i>Pounds</i> 10,317,969	<i>Pounds</i> 11,185,171	<i>Pounds</i> 11,072,061

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## Cheddar Cheese Prices, U.S. 40 lb. Blocks



**Procedures and Reliability:** Price information included in this report is provided each week by manufacturers of these products. Data are collected by fax and electronic mail each week for the previous week. Price information collected is for the (wholesale) point of sale for:

- 1) Natural, unaged cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks and 500 pound barrels.
- 2) Boxes of butter meeting USDA Grade AA standards, 80% butterfat, salted, fresh or storage.
- 3) USDA Extra Grade edible nonhygroscopic dry whey.
- 4) USDA Extra Grade and USPH Grade A, nonfortified nonfat dry milk.

A transaction is complete when the product is "shipped out" and title transfers. Resales of purchased product, forward pricing and intra-company sales are excluded.

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